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Public input sought for increasing highway project goals

KYTC looking at Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 13, 2013) – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is seeking public input on proposed goals for increasing Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) involvement in highway projects.

The KYTC Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development, which oversees the cabinet's DBE program is proposing an annual, overall DBE participation goal of 7 percent for federal fiscal year 2014. The federal fiscal year begins Oct. 1. Under U.S. Department of Transportation rules, the new goal would be in effect for three years.

The 2014 goals and methodology will be available online at <http://transportation.ky.gov/Civil-Rights-and-Small-Business-Development> May 26, 2013, until June 25, 2013. Written comments will be accepted for 15 days afterward – until July 10, 2013 – and can be submitted online through the website or through the mail to:

Melvin Bynes
Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
200 Mero Street, 6th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40622

Information is also available by calling 1-800-928-3079 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT.

The Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development will host forums during May in each of the cabinet's 12 highway districts to explain the proposed goals and how they were established.

“The forums give the public an opportunity to participate in a dialogue about how we ensure disadvantaged businesses are represented fairly when cabinet projects are awarded,” Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock said. “Decisions regarding our Disadvantaged Business

Enterprise program have a broad effect, and our staff attempts to clarify everything about the process through public meetings and these proposed goals.”

The Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development is committed to ensuring equal employment opportunity, a diverse workforce and the promotion of equitable business opportunities throughout Kentucky.

Public forum schedule (all times local):

Wednesday, May 15

District 10: Jackson	10:30 a.m.-noon	473 Highway 15 S Jackson, KY 41339
District 9: Flemingsburg	2:30-4 p.m.	822 Elizaville Ave. Flemingsburg, KY 41041
District 6: Covington	5-7 p.m.	Holiday Inn Riverfront 600 W. 3 rd St. Covington, KY 41011

Thursday, May 16

District 12: Pikeville	noon-1:30 p.m.	109 Loraine St. Pikeville, KY 41501
District 1: Paducah	5-7 p.m.	Courtyard by Marriott 3835 Technology Drive Paducah, KY 42001

Friday, May 17

District 4: Elizabethtown	noon-1:30 p.m.	634 East Dixie Highway Elizabethtown, KY 42702
District 2: Hopkinsville	noon-1:30 p.m.	Holiday Inn Express – Bluegrass Room 2910 Fort Campbell Blvd. Hopkinsville, KY 42240
District 3: Bowling Green	5-7 p.m.	Holiday Inn - Salon A 1021 Wilkinson Trace Bowling Green, KY 42103

Tuesday, May 21

District 11: Manchester	noon-1:30 p.m.	603 Railroad Ave. Manchester, KY 40962
District 8: Somerset	5-7 p.m.	Hampton Inn 4141 S. U.S. 27

Somerset, KY 42501

District 7: Lexington

noon-1:30 p.m.

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1938 Stanton Way
Lexington, KY 40511

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